NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE NUMBER/DATE: 12-500-G /July 13, 2012

PERMIT: NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from South

Carolina Department of Transportation Construction

Activities, SCR160000

FACILITY LOCATION: Statewide

HEARING TOPIC: NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from South Carolina Department of

Transportation Construction Activities, SCR160000

NOTICE PURPOSE: South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Bureau of Water is seeking input on this proposed permit and invites interested people to a public hearing and/or to provide written comments.

PUBLIC HEARING AND STAFF INFORMATIONAL SESSION DETAILS:

- On Tuesday, August 14 at 1:00 pm in Peeples Auditorium located in the DHEC building at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, DHEC staff will hold a Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed permit
- Access to building is on the side of building facing Bull Street. After checking in at front desk, take elevators to third floor. Entrances to Peeples Auditorium are adjacent to elevators.
- Procedures: The hearing will be conducted by a hearing officer. Oral and written comments will be accepted. Oral presentations may be limited to a fixed, reasonable amount of time. And the number of representatives that may make oral statements on behalf of any individual or organized group may be limited.
- Any individuals with disabilities or special needs who wish to participate in these proceedings or review the Department's files on this permit should contact the person listed below by two weeks before the hearing date to discuss any special aids or services required.

PERMIT SUMMARY: DHEC regulates the discharge of pollutants to waters in South Carolina via an NPDES permit. The permit authorizes stormwater discharges to Waters of the State of South Carolina from construction activities (including clearing, grading, filling, demolition, excavating and other activities that result in land disturbance) as described in SC Reg. 61-9\sqrt{122.26(b)}. This permit is limited to construction activities where the South Carolina Department of Transportation is the operator. This proposed NPDES general permit contains restrictions on stormwater discharges including requirements for development and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for each site subject to the permit. A Fact Sheet is available.

How To COMMENT? Provide comments at the hearing or give DHEC written comments no later than close of business August 29, 2011. Forward comments to Jill Stewart, P.E. (Note notice # 12-500-G): Bureau of Water, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 898-0439, stormwatercgp@dhec.sc.gov.

More Info? DHEC's project file is available for review at the above address and copies can be made for a fee by contacting our Freedom of Information Office (2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, 803-898-3882). Included in our file is a fact sheet.

SPECIAL NOTES: All people commenting will receive a response to comments when DHEC makes a permit decision. Public notice information, including a copy of the draft NPDES permit, can be found at our web site at: http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/eqpnbow.htm.

Please bring this matter to the attention of others who may be interested.

